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SUBJECT.

Mismanagement of Sri Siddalinga Swamy Math at Arsikere

C. the Mys Govt
No 1098 dt 5-2-37

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Mismanagement of Sri Siddaramesvara Mutt at Arsikere

FROM

The Muzrai Commissioner

No. 146 / 36-37 Dated 27.11.1936. Received 2.12.36.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Forwards the report of the Committee who enquired into the Mismanagement of Sri Siddaramesvara Mutt at Arsikere and states that it is not necessary for Government to interfere in the affairs of the Institution.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

(1) The Supdt report of 25/7/36 & the Dy's letter containing his recommendation for taking action under Sec 27 of the Mysore Religious & Charitable Regulation are not among the records received from the M.C.

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Letter no 900 of 6.1.37 to the Mangalore Commissioner calling for additional information. 2

Letter no C 146/36-37 of 9.1.1937 from the Mangalore Commissioner furnishing additional references called for.

(1) The Instn is known as Kandyappa Mutt alias Kelagina Mutt at Arasikere; it is a Jain Instn in the sense it has been endowed with land Inams. (V. vol pp. 168 & 169 of the Inam Regr of lands — Arsikere Tk - 512.)

(2) In the matter of the mismanagement of the affairs of the Instn by the Mahasthalli thereof, a recommendation was received from the M.C. to appoint a Committee of Enquiry under Sec 26 of the Mysore Religious & Charitable Instns Regn VII of 1927) & This was sanctioned in G.O no 1042-45/Rev 175-35 & of 31.1.36 published for ref.

(3) The report of the Committee speaks for itself about the need for taking further action re: the mismanaged affairs of the Instn through the M.C. Appointed in the G.O. & there is no necessity

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for the purpose is under Sec^{n}. 27 of the Mysore R. C. I. Reg^{n}. VII of 1927. And it is also for Govt to take over the management of the Inst^{n} or pass such orders as may be deemed fit Concerning the management of the affairs of the Inst^{n}. In my opinion the removal of the present Trustee and the appointment of another do not come Strictly within any precedent so far, and is not covered by the provisions of the Regulation.

8. It is not clearly stated whether well-to-do disciples of the Matha interested in the welfare of the Inst^{n} would collect funds & deposit the same in a Treasury so as to discharge the obligation of Srigeri Mutt, the Matadhipathi has placed himself under. It is also for the learning Pandits to move the present Trustee to nominate his successor and voluntarily vacate the Mane with a view to take rest: If the latter fails, it is submitted that the inherent powers of Govt in such matters will have to be exercised in view of the degrading [illegible] which the Trustee has

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has received himself -

9. He also does not know any right on the part of the Swami was appointed by the Peshwa after approval of Govt.

10. For such of this additional information be called for. — The matt is likely to become defunct soon. There seems to be no necessity to call for this information. In view of the facts stated in the Asst. Commr's letter No. 146 dated 25th Nov. 1936, it is a point for consideration whether it is desirable that Govt. should take over the management of the matt or replace the present Swami by another, since the matt is almost bankrupt.

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an mortgage to the [illegible] for a sum of Rs. [illegible] that D. P. Hallen Esq. is [illegible] advise the [illegible] if [illegible] sum within 12 [illegible] In the circumstances [illegible]

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12) The recommendation of the M.C. may be accepted. Any deviation from the aforesaid may have to be removed. 1/2/37

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14) [illegible]

15) [illegible]

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4 'No 1098 of 5.2.37 from the Muzrai Commissioner stating that Government cannot form his opinion that it is not necessary for them to interfere in the affairs of Sri Sivaramamurthy Mutt at Arasikere for reasons set forth therein

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN ~~MYSORE~~,

Bangalore,...25th November 1936

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FROM

K. V. ANANTARAMAN, ESQ., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

To

M...Venkatesa...Iyengar,..Esq.,...B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....General.....*Department.*

GENERAL SECRETARY.
28 NOV. 1936

SIR,

Mismanagement of Sri Siddarameswara Mutt at Arsikere.

With reference to G.O.No.1045-45/Muz.175-35-2 dated 31st January appointing a Committee to enquire into the above, I submit herewith the report of the Committee received under cover of the Hassan District Deputy Commissioner's letter No.C.1183-36 dated 6th October 1936.

2. The report of the Sub Division Officer dated 25th July 1936 gives details about the scope of enquiry and the devotees who were examined. The report submitted by the Committee is exhaustive and a summary of their recommendation is contained in para 16 of the report. They are of opinion that it is best to withdraw the Mutt from the control of the present Swami free from all encumbrances created by him and to entrust the management to an influential Committee of disciples or t take over the institution under Government management under Section 27 of the Regulation, the Swami also being replaced by another who may be nominated by Government or selected by a Committee of disciples. The Deputy Commissioner recommends action under Section 27 of the Regulatio

3. It appears to me that neither of the two courses suggested by the Committee and the Deputy Commissioner is feasible. The Mutt is not of sufficient importance and its circle of devotees does not seem to be either large or influential. Besides, it does not own any extensive properties and what little it possesses is not only heavily involved an

lienated, but also forms the subject matter of civil litigations, the jewels and other moveable property belonging to the Mutt are negligible and the buildings are in varying stages of decay and disrepair. If, as recommended by the Committee and the Deputy Commissioner, the management is undertaken by Government, it will be extremely difficult to run the institution efficiently as there is no assured income and as the disciples are not likely to co-operate as they have lost all regard and respect to the Swami. The recommendation made by the committee for the removal of the present Swami and the appointment of another is an extreme step without any precedants so far and is not covered by the provisions of the Regulation or the rules issued to regulate the succession of Gurus. For these reasons, I am of opinion that it is not necessary for Government to interfere in the matter and to assume the management of the Mutt and its properties which course of action is sure to involve Government in endless litigation on behalf of an institution which is almost bankrupt. If, however, the disciples are keen about preserving this institution and bringing to its credits, the Deputy Commissioner may be requested to advise them to file a suit under the provisions of section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure as provided for in section 20(1) of the Regulation, VII of 1817. In view of the observations, I submit the matter for the orders of Government.

2. The connected file of particular papers is sent for reference.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

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To

The M.C.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

With reference to your letter no C 146 / 36-37 of 27 11 1936 regarding misappropriation in the mismanagement of Sri Siddarameswara Mutt at Arasikere, I am directed to state that the S. D.O's report of 25.7.36 and also copy of the letter from the D.C. Hassan wherein he has recommended action under Mysore R & C. Rules.

Sec 27 of the Regulations are not among the records

Date of issue 6-1-37

Signed by Mr Mir Safdar Hussain

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with your letter advance

and to request you would so good

as to forward the same for reply

& return

The entire records received

Which you are herewith returned

for reply & retransmission

Thank Etc

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For Geo Lee

GS

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13 JAN. 1937
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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER,
MYSORE,

Bangalore, 9th January ....1937.

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FROM

K. V. ANANTARAMAN, ESQ., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore

To

L. Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department.

GENERAL SECRETARY
13 JAN. 1937

SIR,

Disbursement of Subsidies and Grants to Schools etc.

With reference to your letter No.300/Muz.142-36 dated the 6th instant, I have the honor to submit herewith Sub Division Officer's report dated 25th July 1936 and also copy of the letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, forwarding the proceedings under Section 37 of the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation.

The file of vernacular records is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. V. Anantaraman

Muzrai Commissioner
for Muzrai Commissioner.
(absent from head quarters)

Letter No.C.1133-36 dated 6-10-'6 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, to the Huzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Subject:- Re. the mismanagement of the affairs of the Sri Siddarameshwara Mutt at Arsikere.

In continuation of my letter No.D.M.R.249-34 dated 30th July 1936 on the above subject, I have the honor to forward herewith the connected together with a report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the mismanagement under Sec.26 of the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation VII of 1927, and to request you to be so good as to orders of Government on the Committee's report under Section 27 of the Regulation.

"COPY"

M. N. Ramachar

For Huzrai Commissioner.

ter No. C3 D.S.R. 107-34 dated 25th July 1936 from the Sub Division icer, Hassan to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

Enquiry re: the mismanagement of the Siddarameswara Mutt, Arsikere.

Adverting to your Memo No. D.S.R.249-34 dated 26-3-1936 appointing a Committee to enquire into the alleged mismanagement of the Mutt by the present Swami in pursuance of G.O. No. 1043-45 /Muz.175-35-2 dated 31-1-1936, I have the honour to state that the committee commenced the enquiry at Arsikere on the 16th July and continued it on the 17th instant also. The Veerashaiva residents of Sankodanahalli, Arsikere Town, Belagumba, Korenahalli Koppal, Sulekere Bommenahalli Chikkoor, Bevinahalli, Yelaware Kanihalli, Bandihalli and Katigere villages, 42 devotees in number were examined. It was ascertained that the Swamigaloo has mortgaged the Mutt building and its 6 outhouses to the Swamigalu of Sirigere Mutt for a sum of Rs 5000/-.This fact was also admitted by the Swamigalu of Siddarameswara Mutt before the Committee.

A list of moveable properties and jewels in the possession of the Swami at present has been made so as to safeguard their existence. The Swami having requested for the grant of a month's time to think out and give a statement, the committee have allowed him one month's time to do so. Enquiry will be continued next month after getting the statement of the Swami.

I have also made reference to the Court of the Subordinate Judge Mysore requesting the transmission of a copy of the decree in O.S.No.45/29-30 on the file of his Court, against the Siddarameswara Mutt to find out what amount of loan is outstanding against the Mutt and what properties of the institution are held as security for the loan. Further action will be taken on receipt of the copy of the decree etc.

" COPY "

For Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 1098 Dated, Bangalore, 5th February 193 7.
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From

The *General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore*

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. C.146/36-37 dated 9th January 1937 in the matter of the mismanagement of Sri Siddeswara Mutt at Arasikere, I am directed to state that Government concur with you in your opinion that it is not necessary for them to interfere in the affairs of the Mutt as they stand at present and to assume the management of the Mutt and its properties for the reasons set forth in your letter referred to above and that the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, may be asked to advise the disciples of the Mutt who are keen about reviving the Institution and to set right its affairs, to file, as suggested by you, a suit under the provisions of Section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure as provided for in Section 40 (a) of the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institution Regulation VII of 1927. I am also to add that any Devadaya land of the Mutt alienated by the Swamigalu of the Mutt may be resumed.

The entire records received from you on the subject are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

for General Secretary to Govt.

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To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 5-2-37

Signed by Mir Safdar Hussain

Sir,

With reference to your letter Correspondence ending 1st
No. C 166/36-37 dated 9 36
in the matter of the mismanagement
of Sri Subramaniswara Mutt at
Arasikere, I am directed to state
that Govt. concur with you in your
opinion that it is not necessary
for them to interfere in the affairs
of the Mutt as they stand at
present and to release the
and
of the Mutt & its properties for
the reasons set forth in
your letter
& That the D.C., [illegible]
to [illegible]

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Rule about receiving the Instructions and
to see to get Assignees, to file,
as suggested by you,
(b) Suit under the provisions
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Procedure as provided for
in Sec^n 40 (ff) of the Mysore
Act. Instr^n Reg^n VII of 1927.
~~as provided by~~ I am also to add that
any Bye-laws of the Institute ~~towards~~ alienated by the Surrender
~~must~~ be entire need
received from you in
the subject for necessary
action —